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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_ (ss)**

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A RESOLUTION urging President Bush to reverse the decision of the federal Office of Management and Budget to zero out funding for the accelerated destruction of the VX nerve agent stored at Newport, Indiana.

*Whereas, The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, demonstrated that the potential for attacks on U.S. chemical stockpile storage poses a significant and credible risk to the public;*

*Whereas, The U.S. Army has a chemical depot at Newport, Indiana, that stores the biological VX nerve agent;*

*Whereas, The U.S. Army has the capability to accelerate the destruction of the VX nerve agent stored at Newport,*

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*Indiana;*

*Whereas, The federal Office of Management and Budget has decided to zero out funding for implementing the accelerated destruction of the VX nerve agent stored at Newport, Indiana;*

*Whereas, Although the country is in a period of fiscal restraint, cutbacks to homeland security endanger the safety of the American people; and*

*Whereas, The safe destruction of 1,200 tons of VX nerve agent stored at Newport, Indiana, is integrally connected to homeland security: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives strongly
- 2           urges President Bush to reverse the decision of the federal Office of
- 3           Management and Budget and to give the U.S. Army the necessary tools
- 4           to implement the destruction of 1,200 tons of VX nerve agent stored at
- 5           Newport, Indiana.
- 6           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7           Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to President Bush,
- 8           the Indiana Congressional delegation, and the federal Office of
- 9           Management and Budget.

